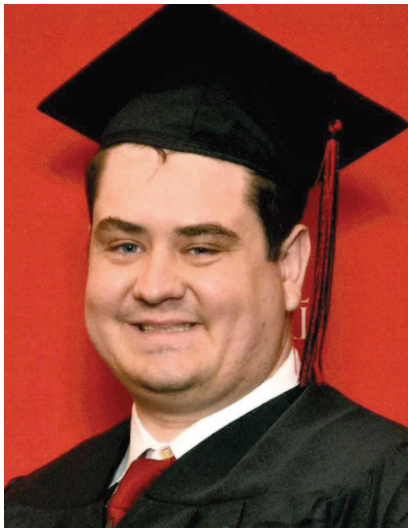


MISSOURI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

2024 ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the members of the Missouri State Rehabilitation Council, it is my honor to present this summary of the Council's annual report for 2024. Each Council member has unique experiences in advocating for the rights of our fellow Missourians whose physical or mental disabilities may pose barriers to productive employment. Through our quarterly meetings and committee deliberations, we have given our support to Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to empower individuals with disabilities and to encourage decisions that lead to greater self-sufficiency. It has been my great privilege to work with members of the Council as well as with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation staff, all of whom are dedicated to providing our citizens with the opportunity to make choices in obtaining meaningful employment.

Respectfully,
Earl Brown, Chairperson

MISSION STATEMENT

MISSOURI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

OUR VISION

The Missouri State Rehabilitation Council envisions a society that values all of its members equally and provides opportunities so that all people are able to meet their needs, fulfill their dreams, and participate in society.

OUR MISSION

To ensure that persons with disabilities have opportunities to be as productive as possible by advising Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided to persons with disabilities are of the highest quality, consumer directed, responsive to consumer choice, effective, individualized, culturally specific, and relevant to labor market trends.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

To work in partnership with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to achieve positive outcomes for persons with disabilities by providing input on the state plan, policies, and practices affecting services to persons with disabilities; obtaining and interpreting consumer input; identifying corrective action consistent with that input; advocating for adequate resources to ensure that the rehabilitation needs of all Missourians are met; identifying strategies to address the needs of people who are not being served or who are being underserved; and supporting VR in complying with laws applicable to persons with disabilities.

(Adopted Nov. 4, 1999)

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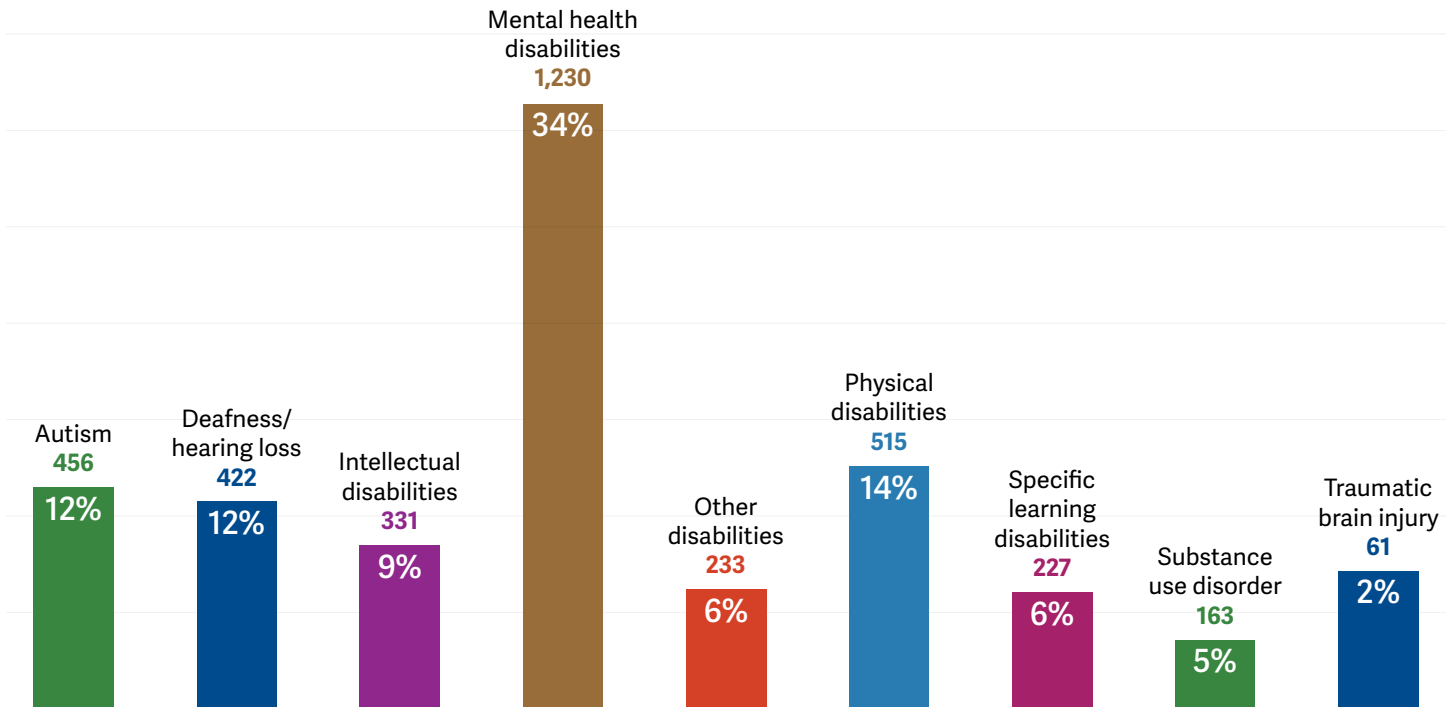
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Chris Clause, California
Ex Officio Member
VR Assistant Commissioner

PROGRAM DATA

DISABILITY CATEGORIES

3,638 Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2023



GENDER

Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2023

GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENT
Male	2,005	55%
Female	1,612	44%
Did not wish to self-identify	21	1%
TOTAL	3,638	100%

ETHNICITY

Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2023

GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENT
White	2,777	76%
African-American	648	18%
Hispanic	131	4%
Asian	47	1%
American Indian	29	<1%
Pacific Islander	6	<1%
TOTAL	3,638	100%

AGE

Individuals With Successful Employment Outcomes: PY 2023

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Less than 25	1,312	36%
25-34	785	22%
35-44	561	15%
45-54	444	12%
55-64	356	10%
65 and over	180	5%
TOTAL	3,638	100%

HIGHLIGHTS



35,904 individuals worked with VR counselors.



3,638 individuals achieved successful employment outcomes.



3,320 individuals achieved a measurable skill gain in an educational or training program.



1,459 youths reached successful employment outcomes.



1,281 successfully employed individuals received supported employment services.



558 successfully employed individuals received Individual Placement and Support services.



97% of successfully employed individuals had significant disabilities.



\$71,130,176 was the total annual increase in earnings for individuals with successful outcomes.



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The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program receives 78.7 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For Federal Fiscal Year 2024, the total amount of grant funds awarded was \$70,447,118. The remaining 21.3 percent of the costs (\$19,066,374) was funded by state matching funds. The Supported Employment (SE) program receives 95 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For Federal Fiscal Year 2024, the total amount of grant funds awarded was \$268,698. The remaining 5 percent of the costs (\$14,142) was funded by state matching funds. The Independent Living (IL) program receives a portion of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For Federal Fiscal Year 2024, the total amount of grant funds awarded was \$348,060 (90 percent). The remaining 10 percent (\$38,673) was funded by state matching funds. The IL program also received additional state funding for an overall total of \$6,053,103.